

Finance factoids

“Circuit Breaker Funding”

This past fiscal year the state approved a new reimbursement program for special education services. When the cost to educate a special needs student exceeded \$29,320 (four times foundation budget of \$7,330 per pupil), the state reimbursed the district 35% of the costs above that threshold.

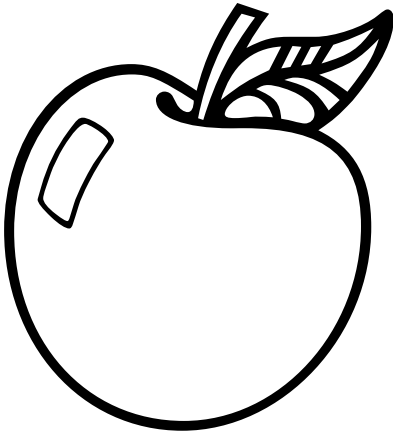
Example:

Cost to educate special needs student John Q. was \$50,000. Shrewsbury pays the entire cost up front and is then reimbursed 35% of the amount over \$29,320:

\$50,000	Total cost
-\$29,320	Four times foundation.
\$20,680	Difference
x 35%	FY04 reimbursement rate
\$ 7,238	Amount of reimbursement
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\$42,762	Net cost to Shrewsbury

Good News

In FY05 we expect to receive over \$1.4M in reimbursement from the state. These funds are specifically targeted for special education expenses. The FY05 school department budget request was reduced by \$1.4M in expectation of receiving funds from the "circuit breaker" program.



2004-2005 curriculum nights

Beal School

Kindergarten Curriculum Night is October 7
Grade 1 Curriculum Night is September 13

Coolidge School

Grade 1 and 2 Curriculum Night is September 23
Grade 3 and 4 Curriculum Night is September 28

Floral Street School

Grade 1 Curriculum Night is September 13
Grade 2 Curriculum Night is September 14
Grade 3 Curriculum Night is September 20
Grade 4 Curriculum Night is September 22

Paton School

Grade 1 and 2 Curriculum Night is September 23
Grade 3 and 4 Curriculum Night is September 28

Spring Street School

Grade 1 and 2 Curriculum Night is September 13
Grade 3 and 4 Curriculum Night is September 14

Sherwood Middle School

Grade 5 Curriculum Night is September 27
Grade 6 Curriculum Night is September 29

Oak Middle School

Grade 7 Curriculum Night is September 30
Grade 8 Curriculum Night is October 6

Shrewsbury High School

Parents Night for all grades is October 7

SEF winners announced

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SHREWSBURY EDUCATION
FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

Thank you for your generous support of the Shrewsbury Education Foundation (SEF.) Your contributions make it possible for SEF to continue to make grants to noteworthy educational projects in our community.

The mission of the Shrewsbury Education Foundation is to stimulate, strengthen and support the creation and implementation of innovative educational programs and enrichment activities that benefit students of the public schools of Shrewsbury. This advocacy may include the promotion of collaborative programs between the Shrewsbury Public Schools and other organizations.

To achieve its mission, the Shrewsbury Education Foundation raises and maintains a fund whose resources are dispensed to provide opportunities to the Shrewsbury Public Schools beyond those expected to be supported by the annual school budget. The fund supports excellence in the schools by financing extraordinary curricula, faculty development, student services and activities, special programs, the purchase of equipment and other unique education endeavors.

Since its inception in 1992, the Shrewsbury Education Foundation has awarded more than \$125,000 in grants to the school system.

The Shrewsbury Education Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of our many guests and sponsors: Maxtor Corp., Advanced Micro Sensors, Westborough Savings Bank, Cyprian Keys, Fiores, Carl Danielson and Danielson's Flowers.

Five grants were funded this year including "And the Ayes Have It" designed by Spring Street teachers Marcia Smith, Ann Marie Dlott and Claire Donovan. The project was created to introduce elementary school students to the presidential election process.

"Give a H.O.O.T" (Hands On Outdoor Tools) created by Floral Street teachers Kara Frankian, Mary Ann Hogan and Gina Kelly. This program will provide teachers with an opportunity to extend their entire curriculum throughout the outdoor classroom.

"Preserving Peace by Teaching Tolerance" was developed by Riitta Bolton and Rosemary Shamey to help



GIVE A HOOT!
Floral Street School
Mary Ann Hogan, Kara Frankian and Gina Kelly,
Funded by Maxtor Corporation



WRITE RIGHT
Spring Street School
Lucy Lubke

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students learn about other countries, cultures and religions. Students will learn to respect differences and celebrate the uniqueness of every human being.

"Vote! Be True to the Red, White and Blue" is a collaborative project for Coolidge and Paton School's fourth-graders to participate in a hands-on mock election. Teachers Gary Chalmers, Susan Conley and Victoria McCarthy developed this project.

Spring Street teacher, Lucy Lubke, created the "Write Right" program to improve elementary school students writing skills.



AND THE AYES HAVE IT!
Spring Street School
Ann Marie Dlott, Claire Donovan
and Marcia Smith,



PRESERVING PEACE BY TEACHING TOLERANCE
Paton Street School
Left, Riitta Bolton and right,
Rosemary Shamey
Funded by
Advanced Micro Sensors



VOTE! BE TRUE TO THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE
Paton Elementary School and Coolidge Elementary School Victoria McCarthy, Gary Chalmers and Susan Conley.